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Title: *Improved Extrusion Blow Molding Method*

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**TRANSMITTAL OF VERIFIED STATEMENT  
CLAIMING INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. 1.27(a)(1)) — Independent Inventor is transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.27(a)(1)) – INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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